#### **BEFORE**

#### THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2009-189-T - ORDER NO. 2009-785

### **NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

IN RE: Application of Big Truck 4 Hire, LLC for a
Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of
Public Convenience and Necessity for
Operation of Motor Vehicle Carrier

OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Application of Big Truck 4 Hire, LLC ("Big Truck" or "Applicant") for a Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Big Truck, located in Florence, South Carolina, is seeking authority to move household goods in Florence, Darlington, and Sumter Counties. Pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Regs. 103-821(C)(3)(a), the Applicant published notice of filing in the *Morning News* newspaper on May 26, 2009. No parties intervened, and a hearing on the Application was held on September 30, 2009, in the offices of the Commission.

The parties at the hearing included Kevin Cobbs for the Applicant, represented by Jack Pringle, Esquire, and the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), represented by Shealy Reibold, Esquire. George Parker, manager of the ORS Transportation Department, testified for ORS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Application initially sought authority for Florence, Darlington, Marion, Lee, Sumter, Clarendon, Dillon, and Horry Counties, but it was reduced to Florence, Darlington, and Sumter Counties at the hearing.

During the hearing, Cobbs testified to his prior experience moving household goods and that he was aware of and intended to comply with the Commission's regulations concerning household goods movers. He stated that there is a lacking availability for movers in the area in which he seeks certification and also testified that Big Truck will adhere to the unique tariff structure proposed at the hearing, which was submitted as a late file exhibit and is attached to this Order. As Big Truck is seeking certification in three contiguous counties or less, no shipper witness was required.

For ORS, Parker testified that he found Big Truck's application to be in order. Parker also stated that he performed an inspection and found Big Truck's equipment to be acceptable.

The Commission finds the Application to be in order. Additionally, we conclude that the Applicant has demonstrated that it is fit, willing, and able to operate as a household goods mover pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-23-330 (Supp. 2008) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-133 (Supp. 2008). Furthermore, we find that the public convenience and necessity is not already being served by existing authorized service. Therefore, the Application of Big Truck 4 Hire, LLC should be granted.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. The Application of Big Truck 4 Hire, LLC for a Class E Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is approved for the Applicant to transport household goods in Florence, Darlington, and Sumter Counties.
- 2. Big Truck shall file with the Office of Regulatory Staff the proper insurance, safety rating, and other information required by S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-

- 23-10 et. seq. (1976), as amended, and by 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-100 through 103-241 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, as amended, and 23A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 38-400 through 38-503 of the Department of Public Safety's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, as amended, within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order, or within such additional time as may be authorized by the Commission.
- 3. Upon compliance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-10 et. seq. (1976), as amended, and the applicable Regulations for Motor Carriers, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. Vol. 26 (1976), as amended, a Certificate shall be issued by the Office of Regulatory Staff authorizing the motor carrier services granted herein.
- 4. Prior to compliance with the above-referenced requirements and receipt of a Certificate, the motor carrier services authorized by this Order shall not be provided.
- 5. Failure of the Applicant to either (1) complete the certification process by complying with the Office of Regulatory Staff requirements of causing to be filed with the Commission proof of appropriate insurance and an acceptable safety rating within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order or (2) to request and obtain from the Commission additional time to comply with the requirements of the Commission as stated above, may result in the authorization approved in the Order being revoked.

6. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:

John E. Howard, Vice Chairman

(SEAL)

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# **Tariffs**

Option 1) Truck and all moving equipment only (NO labor included).

200 cubic feet of truck space = \$35 up to 45 minutes 400 cubic feet of truck space = \$60 up to 1.5 hours 600 cubic feet of truck space = \$80 up to 2 hours 800 cubic feet of truck space = \$95 up to 3 hours

Additional wait time is billed @ \$15 per ½ hour

Mileage: when applicable, ½ hour minimum drive time from current truck location @ \$15, plus standard \$1 per mile fuel fee.

Cargo insurance is included but if customer does not pack or load items correctly then the company will not be responsible for damaged items. Also particleboard items that are not disassembled and placed in original packaging will not be covered. The company will move all items with care, however there may be occasional damage which customer must report within 48 hours to be repaired or replaced, with like material and value.

## Option 2)

Rate to include labor: 2-hour minimum, then billed in ½ hour increments

Minimum may be waived if I am already at the customers' current location ( i.e. I am already @ the store when I meet the customer and they want the item moved immediately)

\$40 for 1 man per hour \$80 for 2 men per hour

\$100 for 3 men per hour

\$125 for 4 men per hour

\$30 for each additional man-hour above 4 men

\$30 per hour for each additional truck

Mileage: when applicable, ½ hour minimum drive time from current truck location @ \$20, plus standard \$1 per mile fuel fee

Wait time is same as hourly rate

Small safe /fire proof file cabinet/ gun safe (without guns) \$50 with move in addition to standard hourly rate

Large safe /fire proof file cabinet/gun safe (without guns) \$100 with move in addition to standard hourly rate (if mover chooses to accept)

Large / Heavy items (i.e. large TV, upright piano, tanning bed, non-slate pool table, etc.) \$125 with move in addition to standard hourly rate

Baby Grand piano \$125 with move in addition to standard hourly rate (if mover chooses to accept)

Truck or warehouse Storage \$125 per night

Packing / Unpacking is billed @ standard hourly rate plus cost of material

All items listed above that are moved separately will be billed @ 2 hours minimum labor

Mover reserves the right to decline to move any excessively heavy or delicate items

Bookshelves inevitably lose some their support after being moved

Payment options are cash, certified funds, and credit cards (4% surcharge for CC)

